Second broad gauge line between Ahmedabad and Rajkot

584. SHRI LAUTBHAI MEHTA:

SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to lay a second track of broad gauge line between Ahmedabad and Rajkot (Gujarat State);

(b) the time-frame by which the project is to be completed and the total expenditure to be incurred on the project; and

(c) looking to the fast industrial development and investment of nearly Rs. 35,000/- crores in Jamnagar District of Gujarat whether laying of second track upto Okha is under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) On Ahmedabad-Rajkot-Okha section double broad gauge line already exists on Ahmedabad-Viramgam section. There is no proposal to double the balance Viramgam-Rajkot-Okha line.

Proposal to run the trains by CNG and diesel

585. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to run the trains by a mixture of CNG and diesel is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision to this effect is iikely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) A feasibility trial is contemplated.

(b) One Diesel Multiple Unit is undergoing modifications. However, not all problems have been overcome so far.

(c)it is premature to take a view on this aspect. Should initial trial be successful, ways and means to consolidate energy security, environment friendliness and economies of operation, will be explored on Railways.

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